



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 28th May, 2020

1. The Senate met at 10:54 a.m. The President of the Senate read prayers.
2. **Closed Session:**
Closed Session — 10:56 a.m.
Open Session — 12:13 p.m.

The President of the Senate reported that the Senate in a Closed Session deliberated on issues bordering on the workings of the Senate in particular and the National Assembly in general.

3. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 19th May, 2020.

Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

4. **Messages from Mr. President:**
The President of the Senate announced that he had received two (2) letters from Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, which he read as follows:

- (a) *Submission of the Revised FGN 2020-2022 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework & Fiscal Strategy Paper and Revised Appropriation Bill, 2020:*



PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

19th May, 2020

*Distinguished Senator Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan
President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear Distinguished Senate President,

**SUBMISSION OF THE REVISED FGN 2020-2022 MEDIUM-TERM
EXPENDITURE FRAMEWORK & FISCAL STRATEGY PAPER AND REVISED
APPROPRIATION BILL 2020**

It is with pleasure that I forward the revised 2020-2022 Medium Term Expenditure Framework and Fiscal Strategy Paper (MTEF/FSP), and the revised Appropriation Bill 2020, for the kind consideration and approval of the Senate.

Let me seize this opportunity to express my deep gratitude for the patriotism, cooperation and support of the Leadership and Distinguished Members of the Senate, in our collective efforts to amend the Appropriation Act 2020 and accelerate its implementation.

It has become necessary to revise the 2020-2022 MTEF/FSP and amend the Appropriation Act 2020, in view of the sharp decline in crude oil prices and the cut in Nigeria's crude oil production quota occasioned by the COVID-19 Pandemic. In effect, the assumptions underlying the 2020 Appropriation Act are no longer sustainable.

It is also imperative to adjust expected revenues, considering the widespread disruptions in other domestic economic activities, as well as international trade and transportation, due to the measures implemented across the world to curtail the spread of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Furthermore, it is necessary to reallocate resources in the Appropriation Act 2020, to ensure effective implementation of required emergency measures, and other actions necessary to mitigate the negative socio-economic effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Accordingly, I hereby forward as Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 respectively, being the revised 2020-2022 MTEF/FSP and the revised Appropriation Bill 2020. Given the urgency of the requested amendments, I seek the cooperation of the National Assembly, for expeditious legislative action on these submissions.

Please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

*Yours sincerely,
(Signed)
Muhammadu Buhari*

(b) Request for Approval for External Borrowing:



**PRESIDENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

19th May, 2020

*Distinguished Senator Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan
President of the Senate,
Senate Chambers,
National Assembly Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

Dear Distinguished Senate President,

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR EXTERNAL BORROWING:

- 1. TO FINANCE THE PROPOSED REVISED 2020 BUDGET;**
- 2. FOR PRIORITY PROJECTS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT;
AND**
- 3. FOR PROJECTS TO SUPPORT THE STATE GOVERNMENTS.**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 21 of the Debt Management Office (Establishment, etc.) Act, 2003 and Section 41 of the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007, I wish to request the approval of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for External Borrowing to finance the following:

- i. The Draft Revised 2020 Budget;
- ii. Priority Projects of the Federal Government of Nigeria; and,
- iii. Projects to support the State Governments.

FINANCING THE PROPOSED REVISED 2020 BUDGET

2. As the Senate may be aware; -the COVID-19 Pandemic has resulted in economic and fiscal challenges for many countries. Nigeria has also been affected in this regard, especially with the lower demand for Crude Oil, which has affected our sales and the sharp decline in the price of Oil below USD25 per barrel, which is much lower than the USD57 per barrel benchmark in the 2020 Appropriation Act. The COVID-19 Pandemic has also created the need for additional expenditure in the health sector. All of these have necessitated a review of the 2020 Budget and the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (2020 - 2022).

3. Following from Paragraph 2, the Draft Revised Budget proposed by the Executive for 2020 has a higher Deficit. In order to finance this Deficit, the Federal Government is planning to raise funds from both Domestic and External Sources. For the External component, the Government is negotiating with Multilateral Institutions for funding on concessionary terms. The facilities totalling, USD5.513 billion, being arranged in this regard are detailed in Table 1.

Table 1: Proposed External Loans to Finance Revised 2020 Budget Deficit

S/No.	Lender	Amount
1.	International Monetary Fund	USD 3,400,000,000.00
2.	World Bank	USD 1,500,000,000.00
3.	African Development Bank	USD 500,000,000.00
4.	Islamic Development Bank	USD 113,000,000.00
	Total	USD 5,513,000,000.00

PRIORITY PROJECTS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

4. In addition to the financing required for the Revised 2020 Budget, financing is also required for some priority projects of the Federal Government to address the COVID-19 Pandemic and improve Nigeria's Food Security. The proposed loans and associated projects in this regard are detailed in Table 2.

Table 2: Priority Projects of the Federal Government

S/No.	Lender	Project	Amount
1.	Islamic Development Bank	Support of Nigeria's Response to Challenges posed by COVID-19	USD 600,000,000.00**
2.	African Development Bank	Strengthening of Healthcare System to Improve Response to COVID-19	USD125,000,000.00
		Financing Small holder Farmers to mitigate Food Security Impact of COVID-19	USD 23,000,000.00

3.	<i>African Export-Import Bank</i>	<i>Provision of Critical Medical Supplies to combat COVID-19</i>	<i>USD 500,000,000.00</i>
4.	<i>Export-Import Bank of Brazil</i>	<i>Green Imperative to Enhance Mechanisation of Agriculture and Agro-Processing in Nigeria</i>	<i>Euro 995,000,000.00</i>

*** The Islamic Development Bank has indicated that only \$113,000,000.00 (One hundred and thirteen Million US Dollars) of financing will be available to the FGN in the 2020 fiscal year to finance the government's COVID-19 response, which will come from restructuring of previously approved but inactive facilities for Nigeria.*

FACILITIES FOR PROJECTS TO SUPPORT STATE GOVERNMENTS

5. *The State Governments are also experiencing fiscal challenges as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic and in order to support the States, facilities from the World Bank are being negotiated as detailed in Table 3.*

Table 3: Facilities to Support State Governments

S/No.	Lender	Project	Amount
1.	<i>The World Bank</i>	<i>State Fiscal Transparency Accountability and Sustainability Program to provide fiscal support to the States.</i>	<i>Between USD 500 million and USD 750 million</i>
2.	<i>The World Bank</i>	<i>COVID-19 Action Recovery and Economic Stimulus Program to support state-level efforts to protect livelihoods, ensure food security and stimulate economic activity</i>	<i>Between USD 500 million and USD 750 million</i>

6. *Please find attached relevant documents for the Facilities. The Honourable Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning shall provide any additional information that may be required for your consideration of the request.*

7. *Whilst looking forward to your timely consideration and approval, please accept, Distinguished Senate President, the assurances of my high regards.*

*Yours sincerely,
(Signed)*

Muhammadu Buhari

Enclosures:

Annexure I: Letter and Press Release from the International Monetary Fund on approval of Rapid Financing Instrument.

Annexure II: Letter from the World Bank on Proposed Facilities for the Federal Government and States.

Annexure III: Letter from the African Development Bank on Proposed Facilities.

Annexure IV: Request Letter to the Islamic Development Bank.

Annexure V: Term Sheet from the African Export-Import Bank.

Annexure VI: Brief on Facility for the Green Imperative Programme.

5. Announcement:**Appreciation:**

The President of the Senate read a letter from Senator Kabiru I. Gaya (*Kano South*) as follows:



SENATOR DR. (ARC) KABIRU IBRAHIM GAYA (FNIA)
KANO SOUTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

28th June, 2020

*His Excellency Dr Ahmad Lawan,
President of the Senate,
Federal Republic of Nigeria.*

Dear Sir,

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

On behalf of myself and my family, I will like to extend my utmost appreciation to His Excellency; the Senate President, the Deputy Senate President, the Leadership and my distinguished colleagues for the condolence messages, calls and visits for the demise of my late wife Hajiya Halima Gaya. May Allah (SWT) grant her beautiful soul Jannatul-Firdaus.

We deeply appreciate your kind expression of sympathy in this time of sorrow. Your support during this difficult time has made a tremendous impact on myself and my family and we hereby express our gratitude.

I would like to thank and appreciate the heartfelt sympathies of the President of the Senate; Dr Ahmad Lawan, the leadership and my distinguished colleagues. May Allah (SWT) guide, protect and bless you all.

(Signed)

Senator Dr. (Arc.) Kabiru Ibrahim Gaya (FNIA)

6. Petition:

Rising on Rule 41, Senator Ezenwa F. Onyewuchi (*Imo East*) drew the attention of the Senate to a petition from his constituent, Hon. Innocent Ekenma, on behalf of Coalition of Imo Youth Groups, against Security Agencies over the release of 96 youths (Almajiris) who came into Imo State, against the inter-state movement restrictions. He urged the Senate to look into the matter.

Petition laid and accordingly referred to the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions [Rule 41(3)] to report within two (2) weeks.

7. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Uche L. Ekwunife (*Anambra Central*) drew the attention of the Senate to the International Children's Day on 27th May 2020. Every year, a day is dedicated to celebrate "childhood" and it is on this day that tribute is paid to all children in the world. May 27 is traditionally the children's holiday in Nigeria. First introduced by United Nations in 1964, the day remains important in the lives of many Nigerian kids as well as adults. She urged the Senate to salute the Nigerian children on this auspicious occasion.

The Senate congratulates the Nigerian children on the 2020 celebration and urged for the implementation of out of school programme by the Federal and States Government.

8. Personal Explanation:

Rising on Rule 43, Senator Ibrahim A. Gobir (*Sokoto East*) drew the attention of the Senate to the armed banditry attack across some villages in his Senatorial District of Sokoto State. He stated that Wednesday, 27th May, 2020 was one of the darkest days in Sabon Birni Local Government Area, where the armed bandits killed 74 persons as follows:

1.	Garki Village	25 persons
2.	Danadua Village	13 “
3.	Katuma Village	6 “
4.	Kuzari Village	25 “
5.	Masawa Village	5 “
	Total:	74

6. Illella 3 persons, and 5 abducted

7. Goronyo 3 on Sallah day (Sunday 24th May, 2020)

He further stated that in the Local Government Areas of Isa, Gada, Gwadabawa, Rabah and Wurno, witness killings and kidnapping for ransom on daily basis. He urged Nigerians to assist these villagers with prayers to halt the incessant massacre and called for one minute silence in honour of the deceased.

One minute silence accordingly observed in honour of the deceased.

9. Presentation of Bills:

- (i) Nigerian Railway Corporation Act CAP N129 LFN 2004 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 426) — *Read the First Time.*
- (ii) National Transport Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2020 (SB. 427) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iii) Tertiary Education Trust Fund Act 2007 (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 428) — *Read the First Time.*
- (iv) 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Alteration) Bill, 2020 (SB. 429) — *Read the First Time.*
- (v) Petroleum Product Pricing Regulatory Agency Act CAP P43 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 430) — *Read the First Time.*

10. Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs:

Report on the Confirmation of the Nominations of the following persons for Appointment as Chairman and Members of the Federal Character Commission:

Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Report of the Committee on Federal Character and Inter-Governmental Affairs on the Confirmation of the Nominations of the following persons for Appointment as Chairman and Members of the Federal Character Commission:

S/N	NAME	POSITION	STATE	REMARKS
(i)	Dr. Muheeba (Farida) Dankaka	Chairman	Kwara	New Appointment
(ii)	Hon. Henry, Ogbulogo	Member	Abia	New Appointment
(iii)	Dr. Salihu Bello	Member	Adamawa	New Appointment
(iv)	Obonganwan Dorah Daniel Ebong	Member	Akwa Ibom	New Appointment
(v)	Rev. Ibeabuchi Uche	Member	Anambra	New Appointment
(vi)	Mohammad Tijjani	Member	Bauchi	New Appointment
(vii)	Tonye G. Okio	Member	Bayelsa	New Appointment
(viii)	Mr. Silas Mfa Macikpah	Member	Benue	New Appointment
(ix)	Abba Ali Monguno	Member	Borno	New Appointment
(x)	Mr. Nsor Atamgba	Member	Cross River	New Appointment
(xi)	Hon. Moses Anaughe	Member	Delta	New Appointment
(xii)	Chief George Afamefuna Ossi	Member	Ebonyi	New Appointment

(xiii)	<i>Imuetinyan Festus</i>	Member	Edo	New Appointment
(xiv)	<i>Barr. Sesan Fatoba</i>	Member	Ekiti	New Appointment
(xv)	<i>Mrs. Ginika Florence Tor</i>	Member	Enugu	New Appointment
(xvi)	<i>Hanza Mohammed</i>	Member	Gombe	New Appointment
(xvii)	<i>Dr. Diogu Uche</i>	Member	Imo	New Appointment
(xviii)	<i>Lawan Ya'u Roni</i>	Member	Jigawa	New Appointment
(xix)	<i>Hadiza Usman Muazu</i>	Member	Kaduna	New Appointment
(xx)	<i>Muhammad Awwal Na'iya</i>	Member	Kano	New Appointment
(xxi)	<i>Hon. Lawal Garba</i>	Member	Katsina	New Appointment
(xxii)	<i>Abubakar Atiku Bunu</i>	Member	Kebbi	New Appointment
(xxiii)	<i>Pharm. Idris Eneye Bello</i>	Member	Kogi	New Appointment
(xxiv)	<i>Daniel James Kolo</i>	Member	Kwara	New Appointment
(xxv)	<i>Abdul Wasii Kayode Bawa-Allah</i>	Member	Lagos	New Appointment
(xxvi)	<i>Barr. Alakayi Toro Mamman</i>	Member	Nasarawa	New Appointment
(xxvii)	<i>Maj. Gen. Suleiman Barau Said (Rtd.)</i>	Member	Niger	New Appointment
(xxviii)	<i>Abiodun Isiaq Akinlade</i>	Member	Ogun	New Appointment
(xxix)	<i>Chief Olufemi Lawrence Omosanya</i>	Member	Ondo	New Appointment
(xxx)	<i>Adeoye, Abdulrazak Olalekan</i>	Member	Osun	New Appointment
(xxxi)	<i>Prof. Adeniyi Olowofela</i>	Member	Oyo	New Appointment
(xxxii)	<i>Mr. Stephen A. Jings</i>	Member	Plateau	New Appointment
(xxxiii)	<i>Wokocho Augustine</i>	Member	Rivers	New Appointment
(xxxiv)	<i>Abdullahi Aminu Tafida</i>	Member	Sokoto	New Appointment
(xxxv)	<i>Alhaji Armaya'u Dauda Abubakar</i>	Member	Taraba	New Appointment
(xxxvi)	<i>Hon. Jibril Maigari</i>	Member	Yobe	New Appointment
(xxxvii)	<i>Hon. Sani Garba</i>	Member	Zamfara	New Appointment
(xxxviii)	<i>Sen. Adamu Muhammed Sidi-Ali</i>	Member	FCT	New Appointment

(Senator Danjuma T. La'ah — Kaduna South).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

11. Executive Communications:

Rising on Rule 1(b):

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the request of Mr. President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation on the Executive Communications and referred same to relevant Committees as follows:

- (i) 2020-2022 Medium Term Expenditure Framework and Fiscal Strategy Paper (MTEF/FSP) — Committee on Finance
- (ii) Request for Approval for External Borrowing — Committee on Local and Foreign Debts

Question put and agreed to.

Request accordingly referred to the relevant Committees to report on Tuesday, 2nd June, 2020.

12. Executive Communication:

2020 Appropriation Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (SB. 425):

Motion made: That the Senate do suspend rule 79 to enable it consider the *2020 Appropriation Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020* for Second Reading (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Motion made: That a bill for an act on *2020 Appropriation Act (Amendment) Bill, 2020* be read the Second Time (*Senate Leader*).

Debate:

The following Senators made contributions:

- (i) Senator Yahaya A. Abdullahi
- (ii) Senator Aliyu S. Abdullahi
- (iii) Senator Muhammad A. Adamu
- (iv) Senator Emmanuel Bwacha
- (v) Senator Albert B. Akpan
- (vi) Senator Uche L. Ekwunife
- (vii) Senator Gabriel T. Suswam
- (viii) Senator Yusuf A. Yusuf

Extension of Time:

Motion made: That the Senate do sit this day beyond the time appointed for the termination of the Sitting of the Senate (Rule 13) (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

- (ix) Senator James E. Manager
- (x) Senator Ibrahim D. Abdullahi
- (xi) Senator Gershon H. Basse
- (xii) Senator Smart Adeyemi
- (xiii) Senator Micheal O. Bamidele
- (xiv) Senator Francis A. Fadahunsi
- (xv) Senator Istifanus D. Gyang
- (xvi) Senator Matthew A. Urhoghide
- (xvii) Senator Yahaya I. Oloriegbe
- (xviii) Senator Surajudeen A. Basiru

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Second Time and referred to the Committee on Appropriations to report on Tuesday, 2nd June, 2020.

13. Motion:

The Need to Revive the Moribund Paper Mills in Nigeria:

Consideration of the motion deferred to another Legislative Day.

14. Adjournment:

And its being 2:23 p.m. the Senate adjourned sitting to Tuesday, 2nd June, 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

Adjourned accordingly at 2:23 p.m.

Ahmad Ibrahim Lawan, Ph.D, CON
President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.